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Mr. Matt Chapman  
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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**REQUEST RECEIPT DATE: July 8, 2019**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P504159**

Dear Mr. Chapman:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

*"A list of all ALPR Operators in 2019. Please include badge number, first name, last name, email address."*

As permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e), the time was extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. A search of our records was conducted based upon the parameters provided. In order to determine if CPD is in possession of responsive records, your request was forwarded to the Bureau of Organizational Development – Education and Training Division. The Bureau of Organizational Development – Education & Training Division has provided the requested records. Please be advised that the records you are receiving are for officers that have received the ALPR training, and that individual operators are not tracked. However, please be aware that certain information has been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and (d).

The information that was redacted was employee identification numbers. The redacted information is exempt from disclosure under 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act, which exempts "private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or court order." "Private information" is defined in section 2(c-5) as "unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person." 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5) (West 2010).

Second, exemption 7(1)(d)(vi) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(vi) (West 2010), as amended by Public Acts 97-333, effective August 12, 2011; 97-385, effective August 15, 2011; 97-452, effective August 19, 2011), provides that a public body may withhold information if disclosure would endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel or any other person. Therefore, names and information of undercover officers are withheld. First, keeping the identity of undercover officers confidential is important to maintaining public safety. Undercover officers are often assigned to investigations that promote public safety. If an undercover officer is identified, a highly sensitive investigation that he or she is a part of will be compromised resulting in dangerous criminals remaining on the streets of the City of Chicago. Moreover,

officer safety could be compromised if criminals learn the identities of undercover officers who were involved in investigations against them.

Please be advised that the format for CPD emails is: [firstname.lastname@chicagopolice.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@chicagopolice.org).

You have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706; or by telephone at (877)299-3642. You may also seek judicial review pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

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